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SUBJ: PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN,
NOVEMBER 8, 1977

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A NOTE FROM THE SYG,
RECEIVED OCT 31, PERTAINING TO THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED FOR NOV 8, 1977.

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS
HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE NOTES OF 10 JUNE 1977 AND
19 JULY 1977 INFORMING HIS EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT THAT A PLEDGING
CONFERENCE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN WOULD
BE CONVENED ON 8 NOVEMBER 1977 AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS.
ATTACHED TO THE NOTE OF 10 JUNE 1977 WERE TWO EXPLANATORY
MEMORANDA. THE FIRST GAVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR
WOMEN AND THE CRITERIA GOVERNING ITS USE; THE SECOND OUTLINED
THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.
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IN THIS CONNEXION THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN, WHICH IS A CRUCIAL PART OF NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUAL
RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL "WITHOUT DISTRICTION
AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION". THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE DECADE WILL REQUIRE FUNDING OVER
AND ABOVE THAT WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE REGULAR BUDGET
OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WHICH WILL THEREFORE DEPEND
ON THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND ESTABLISHED FOR
THE DECADE.

AT THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE MEMBER STATES WILL ALSO BE CALLED
UPON TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THIS
INSTITUTE WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE FORMULATION OF PROGRAMMES
FOR THE MORE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE HIS APPEAL AND TO URGE HIS EXCELLENCY'S
GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND ITS FULL CO-OPERATION FOR THE SUCCESS
OF THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE.

28 OCTOBER 1977

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

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